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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FACIO

1. DURING SMALL LUNCHEON I OFFERED FOR FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO TODAY, FACIO COMMENTED WITH GOOD HUMOR BUT SOMEWHAT WRYLY THAT HE WAS FINDING HIS MONTH AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERY QUIET. IT APPEARED THAT AFRICANS WERE FAR FROM AGREEMENT ON WHAT THEY WANT TO ACHIEVE ON NAMIBIA AND THERE MIGHT NOT EVEN BE MEETING ON THAT SUBJECT, AS EARLIER ANTICIPATED. AS COSTA RICAN, FACIO HAS TRADITIONAL INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND SYMPATHY FOR ISRAELI DILEMMA. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THINGS SEEMED TO BE PROCEEDING REASONABLY SMOOTHLY AT GENEVA. ON ISRAELI INITIATIVE, HE HAD GROUND WITH THEM SEVERAL DAYS AGO, BUT APPARENTLY HE HAS HAD NO APPROACH FROM THE EGYPTIANS OTHER THAN THE ABORTED IDEA OF A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING LAST WEEK ON THE ISSUE OF SUPPLY CONVOYS TO EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY.

2. SPEAKING WITH SOME AMUSEMENT, FACIO INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN CERTAIN EXPECTATIONS IN COSTA RICA WITH RESPECT TO HIS SC PRESIDENCY. HE HAD HAD A TELEPHONE CALL LAST EVENING FROM PRESIDENT FIGUERES, WHO HAD WANTED TO KNOW HOW THINGS WERE GOING AND HOW BUSY HE WAS. FACIO SAID ALL HE COULD TELL PRESIDENT WAS HE WAS HAVING ACTIVE CONSUL-
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TATIONS WITH ALL OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. FACIO IS NOT A

MAN TO CREATE PROBLEMS OR GO LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, BUT HE
CLEARLY WOULD NOT MIND IF SOME SMALL CRISIS WERE TO COME
ALONG WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO UPHOLD COSTA RICAN HONOR
BY PRESIDING OVER SECURITY COUNCIL AND WHICH WOULD GIVE
HIM A CHANCE TO OFFER HIS ALREADY-PREPARED STATEMENT.
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